all sale of oils, both imported and indigenous should be in the form of natural oil (unrefined) through the P. D. S.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir. It is wrong to attribute import of edible oil to the failure of Technology Mission on oilseeds and NDDB Programmes.

(b) No. Sir. Advertisement issued by the NDDB for Dhara brand of edible oils are to ensure wider publicity about availability of edible oil at reasonable prices in tamper proof packs. Marketing of Dhara has not increased the overall demand for edible oils.

(c) No, Sir. There is no proposal under consideration to hand over all work relating to vegetable oils to the National Vegetable Oilseeds Board imported oil for the PDS is in refined form, since palmolein which is the cheapest edible oil available in the world market cannot be consumed in its natural form. Indigenous oils are too expensive to be put into the PDS at this stage.

1142. [*Transferred to the 29th August*, 1990]

Completion of Bombay-Mangalore-Konkan Railway

1143. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bombay-Mangalore Konkan Railway would be completed within a period of four years:

(b) whether there is any scheme on that line which can be adopted for Marathwada Railway project: and

(c) by when Manmad-Parli and Adilabad Parbhani conversion project would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Depends upon the availability of resources in the coming years.

Chief Ministers' views on Mandal Commission report

1144. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister had recently asked the Chief Ministers of all States to send their views on the Mandal Commission report by the end of June, 1990;

(b) if so, what were the main reasons for asking the Chief Ministers views on this report; and

(c) how many States have submitted their views so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The views of the State Governments were earlier obtained in 1982. It was considered appropriate to have the views of the present State Governments.

(c) Two States have submitted their views in this regard.

Interview given by chairman, NDDB

1145. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the interview of NDDB Chairman telecast by Doordarshan at 10.20 p.m. on the 16th July, 1990; and